

EVAN JELIC<sup>®</sup>

And

God's Footgear

(A True Story)

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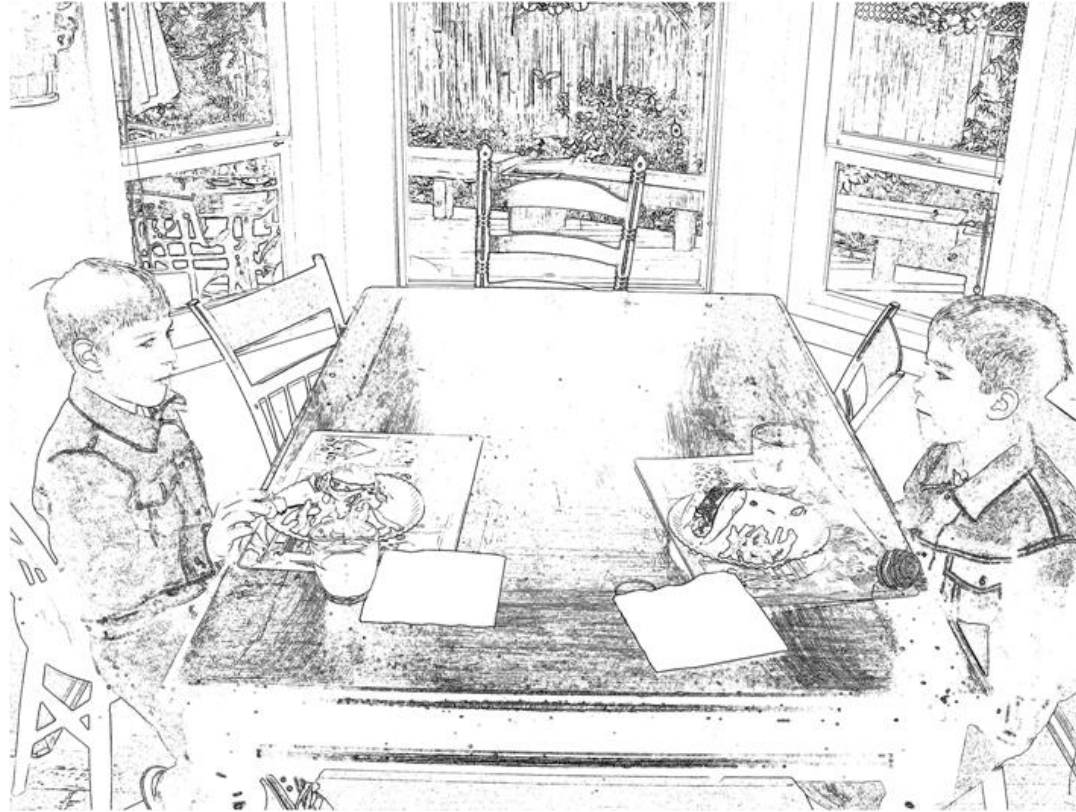


It's a cool spring day and Evan is thinking about what he will do to enjoy the great weather and have fun. Evan really enjoys being outside and does lots of fun things.

On this day, Evan thinks about his electric scooter that he bought with his allowance. His sister, Yvonne, got one for her birthday also. Evan thought it was so cool that he just had to get one for himself.

Evan puts on his safety helmet and rides. He is very good at it and is able to do all kinds of tricks like jumps. It does not go real fast, but fast enough for a really good time.

As Evan is riding, he begins to think about his best friend, Ian. Evan thinks about how much fun it would be to invite Ian over and ride scooters together. If Yvonne was willing, maybe she would let Ian ride her scooter so that they could have fun together.



Evan goes inside to see if Mom will help him arrange a day of fun. Mom calls Ian's mother and discovers that Ian does not have plans for that day and would love to come over.

Ian is dropped off by his mother and Evan's mother prepares their favorite hot dog lunch. The two friends can't wait to get on their scooters. Ian does not have an electric scooter and becomes very excited as they discuss their racing plans.

Evan gives Ian a helmet and the two friends decide to have a race.

They have great fun as they prepare for the big event. They check their equipment and make practice runs.

Evan lets Ian get familiar with the scooter and then they decide that it is time for the big race.

The two friends line up next to each other and begin the count down....five, four, three, two, one....GO!!!





The race is on.

Evan and Ian race down the street and Ian takes the lead. Ian begins to pull away from Evan as the two friends test their scooter skills in the big race.

Evan's scooter stalls.

Ian decides that since he is so far ahead of Evan, he has some time to try some tricks.

Ian is not watching what Evan is doing as he continues to perform tricks on his scooter. Evan's scooter starts working and he sees that Ian is not watching. While Ian is not looking, Evan sneaks up behind, crouches down and turns his scooter on high speed.

As Ian turns to see where Evan is, Evan passes him at the speed of light ...ZOOOOOM!!!

Evan claims victory and the great race is finished.



Tired from the day's excitement, they decide to take a drink break back in the house. Ian talks about going to the Beavers game, his favorite college football team. Ian proudly announces, "I am a Beaver, Beavers are cool!" Ian explains how much he loves orange, the color of his team.

Evan thinks about his favorite college football team, the Ducks, and how their colors are green and gold. Evan thinks about how green is a better color.

Evan becomes curious and asks Ian what Beavers do. Ian explains that Beavers are really cool, they build dams and can hold their breath under water a long time and....my Dad is one.



Ian asks Evan what his team is and Evan responds, "the Ducks". Ian asks Evan why he likes the Ducks and Evan responds, "because they are green".

Ian asks if Evan's Dad is a duck and Evan says no.



Ian and Evan are quiet for a moment and then Ian says: "that's a dumb reason".

Evan is shocked by what his friend says and the two begin to discuss the merits of their teams and their team mascots.

After much discussion, Evan decides that the Beavers are really cool and since he likes his friend Ian, Evan decides that he should switch to Ian's team so that they can have the same favorite team.





Evan tells Ian of his decision which makes Ian very happy.

Evan is pleased with Ian's response and asks him one final question "Ducks can quack, but what sound do Beavers make?"

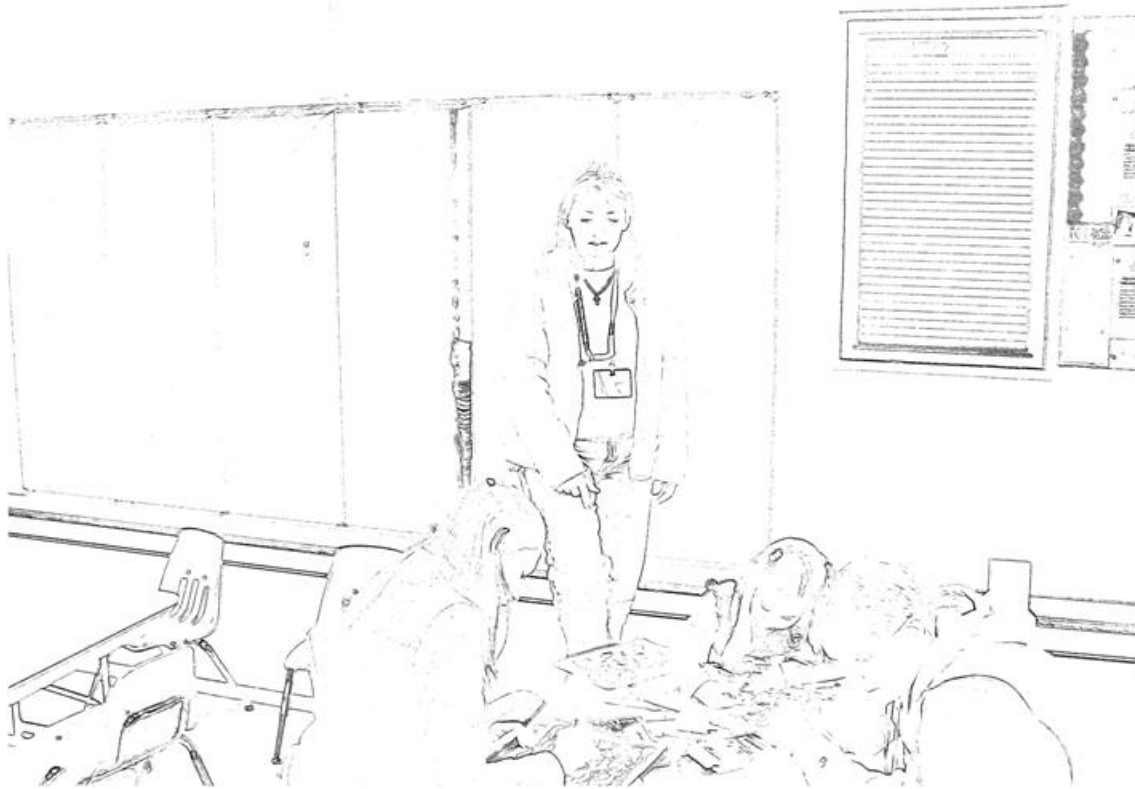
Ian thinks very hard and then smacks his lips and says "chewing noises".

The next day is Sunday and Evan is getting dressed for Sunday school. He has been enjoying the Sunday school lessons and is thinking about what the next piece of armor will be.

As the family prepares to leave for church, Evan informs them of his decision to be a Beaver.

Mom and Dad laugh as Evan tells them that he wants a Beaver tee shirt for his birthday.





Evan gets to Sunday school and his teacher begins the lesson. 'This week', says his teacher, 'we are going to learn about the footgear of God's armor'.

The footgear is about obeying God. God wants us to do things for Him that makes His love known to everyone. This includes all people whether they might know him or not.

Evan thinks about this and approaches his teacher and asks her what God wants him to do.



The teacher responds that Jesus gave us another commandment called the Great Commission. The first commandment is about loving God with everything that you are; your mind, body, soul, strength and to love others. The second one is to tell everyone about Jesus. The teacher then explains that God talks to people through their hearts and we hear His voice by being quiet when we pray.

Evan thinks about Ian and wonders if his best friend knows about Jesus. Evan asks the teacher how he should tell his friend about Jesus. The teacher explains that you just talk about how Jesus helps you and what He did as God's son.

Evan then remembers how Ian told him about the Beavers.

That week, Ian invites Evan to his house for fun and games.

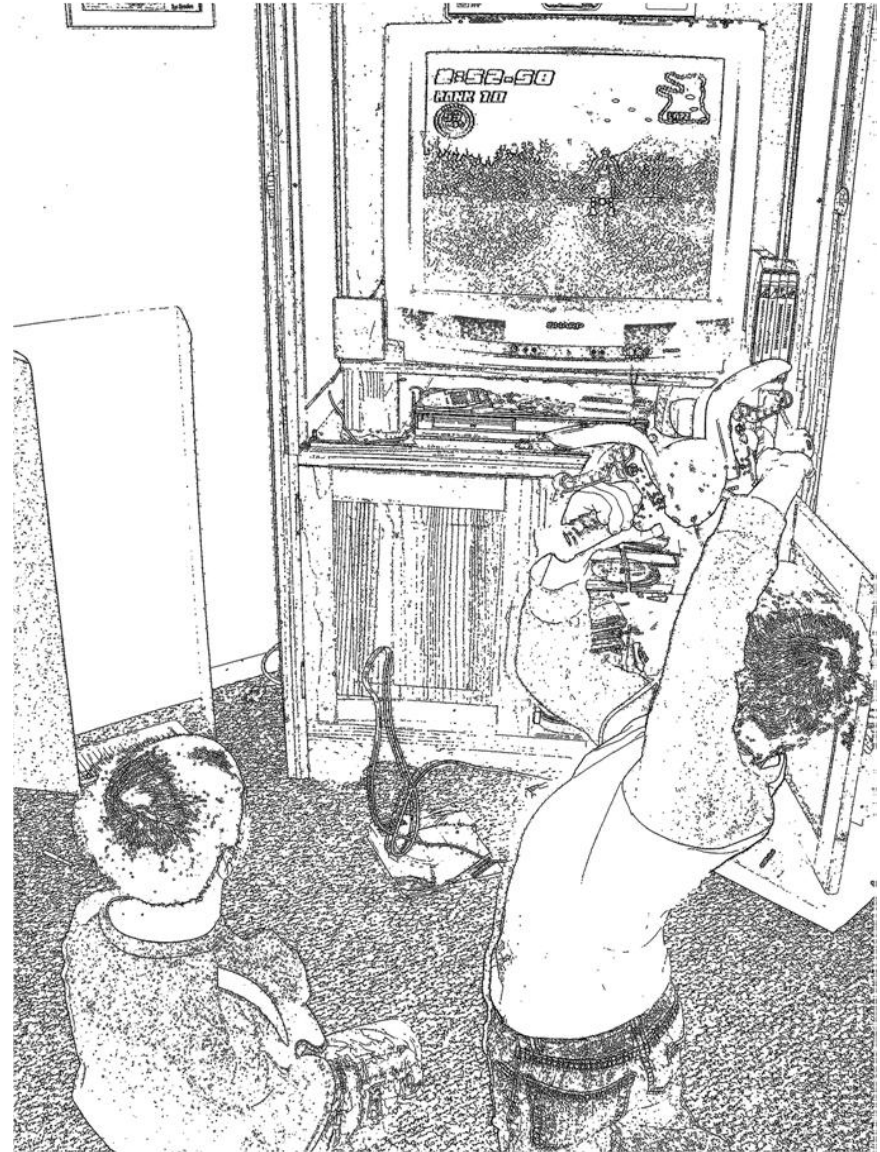
Evan thinks about Ian and feels something inside him telling him to talk to Ian about Jesus.

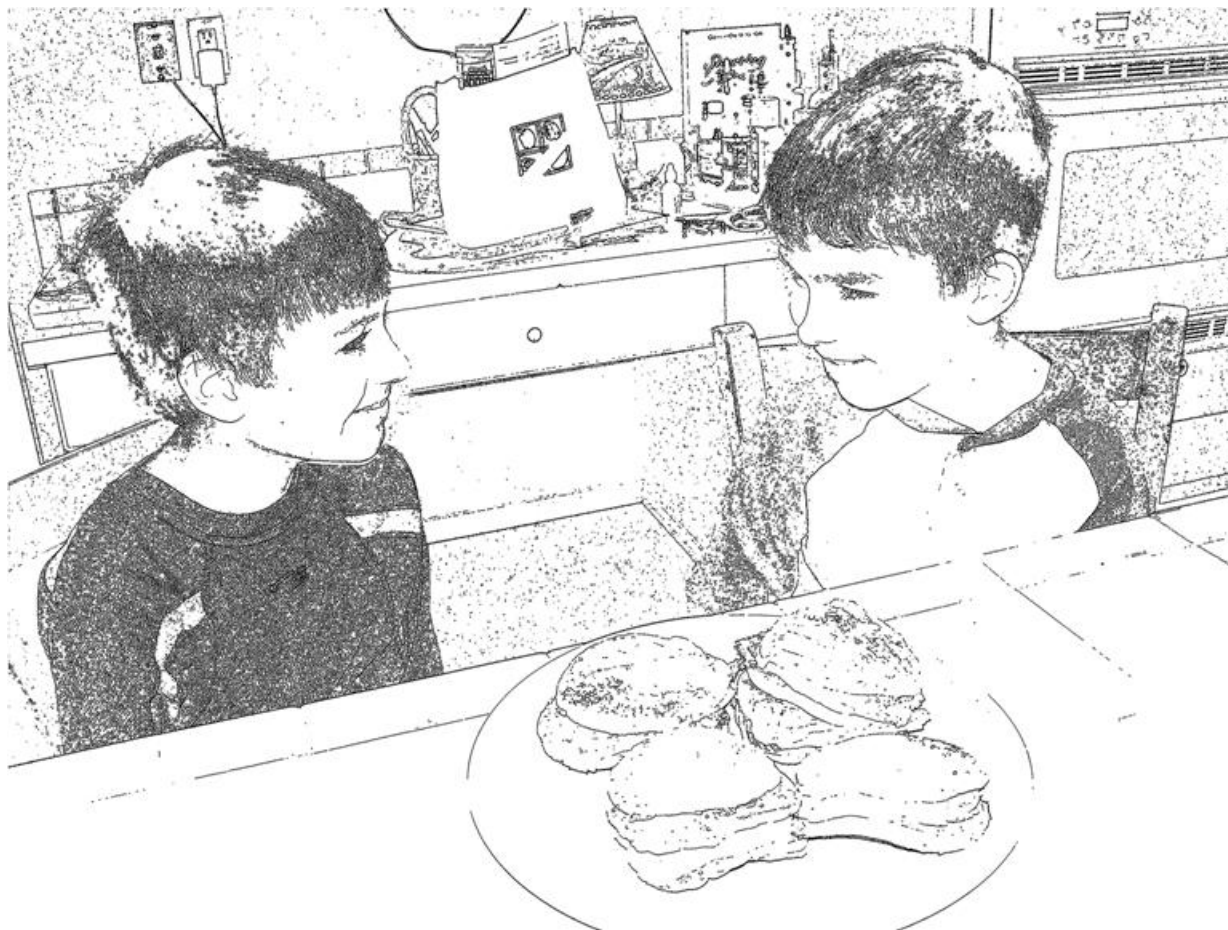
While they are playing, Evan remembers what the Sunday school teacher told him about the footgear.

Evan decides that he must obey God.

Ian and Evan continue to play a video game. They have great fun for a long time until Ian's Mom yells: "Lunch!"

The two friends look at each other with great excitement as they race into the kitchen to see what Ian's Mom has made. Sure enough, a big plate of sandwiches sits on the table for them.





As they begin to eat, Evan decides to ask Ian a question. He looks at his friend who he likes very much and thinks about how much fun it is when they share things like football teams. Evan asks Ian if knows about Jesus. Ian replies that Jesus is the baby in the manger at Christmas.

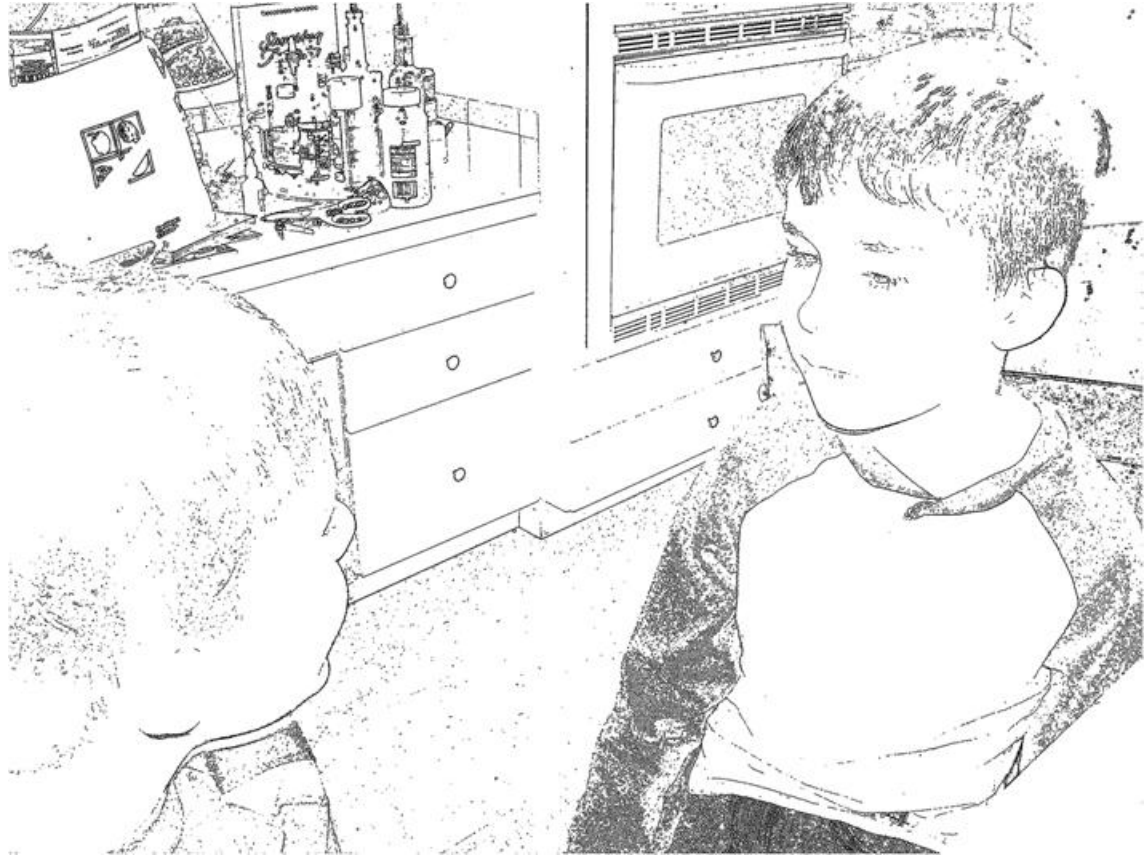
Evan thinks about this answer and asks Ian if he knows about what Jesus did.

Ian replies that Jesus got lots of presents from wise men at Christmas.

Evan smiles at his friend and then tells Ian about how Jesus takes away the bad things people do so that God can love them...you get God's love by asking Jesus to be in your heart. Having Jesus in your heart is really cool; it is like being a Beaver! It makes you feel good.

Ian thinks about what Evan has said and drinks the last bit of milk.

There is silence for a while and then Ian asks Evan, how do I learn about Jesus? Evan says, "At Sunday school...you should come with me to mine"



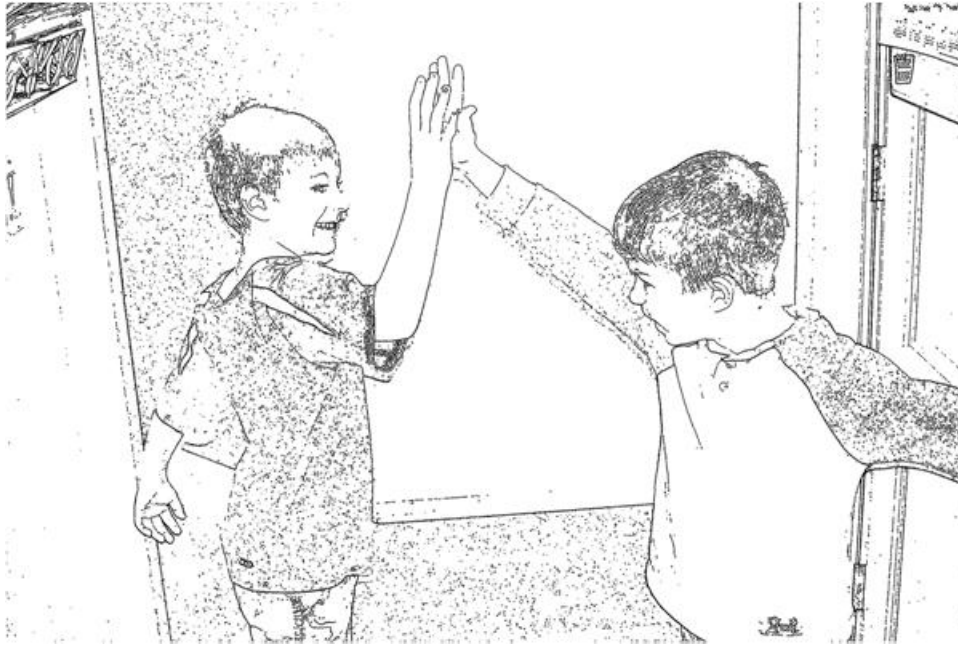


Ian says that he would rather play games than go to Sunday school.

Evan thinks about what Ian has said and then says "that's a dumb reason".

Ian smiles and Evan talks about all the cool things they do at Sunday school and how they are learning about the armor of God. Ian begins to become very interested.





Ian's mother comes back into the room and Ian asks her if Ian can go to Sunday school.

Ian's mom says that it would be OK and Ian and Evan do a high five....

YES!!!!



That evening, when Evan is back home, he thinks about how much fun it is going to be to have Ian at Sunday school.

Evan decides to pray for Ian and closes his door to talk to God.



When Evan finishes praying, he gets the crafts box from the garage and cuts out cardboard to make shin guards and protective footing.

He glues tin foil to his new armor and attaches rubber bands to hold it in place.

As Evan admires the shine from his new armor, he begins to feel warm in his heart.

Evan then knows that God is happy with what he has done.